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A Message from the President of Westfield State College Dr. Ronald L. Applbaum

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Dear Graduate:

As I commented during your commencement ceremony, I am honored to have served as president during your tenure at Westfield State College. As the Class of 1996, you are the 157 graduation class and join a long and distinguished list of alums.

I congratulate you on your educational success. I congratulate your families for the sacrifices they made on your behalf, your friends for their encouragement, your teachers for their dedication, and the academic community for its support of your efforts.

The Class of 1996 is the last I will serve as president at Westfield State College. I take tremendous pride in having served you in your years at this fine institution. I hope your experiences have been as positive, educationally and personally rewarding as mine over the past six years.

My heartfelt wishes to each of you. I wish you a safe, happy and prosperous future. I encourage you to remain active with the College by participating in our Alumni Association. We will continue to need your time and experience to build an even better college for future students.

Sincerely,

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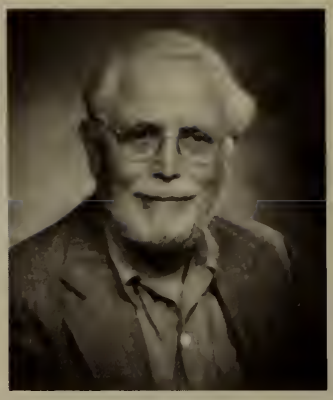

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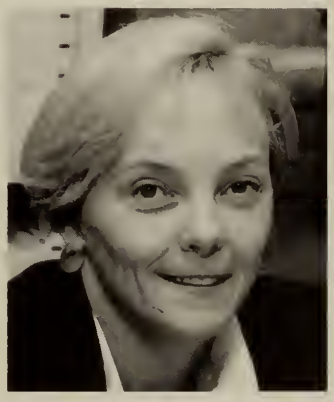

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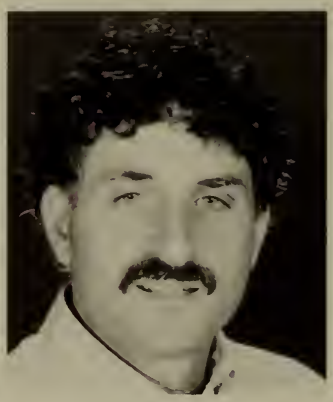

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CLASS OF 1996

CLASS HISTORY 1996 WESTFIELD STATE COLLEGE

Our life at Westfield started for most of us, visiting the school our junior year of high school. Our parents called the school for us, telling the admissions office that we will be attending that ever famous event, "***Wednesday at Westfield***"". Then again, when making our final decision on what college or university we would attend, we had a second visit to WSC at the beginning of our senior year in high school. After the applications were all in, we waited and waited to see if we were going to be a fighting owls at last. The letter finally came, and we were off the "new student orientation".

Thomas Stewart was his name, the man behind the orientation. Meeting new people, staying in lovely Dickinson Hall, with some one you never met before, an orientation leader telling not to get caught (you now what I mean), staying up all night talking, laughing, occasional kissing, and of course stupid name games. Orientation was one of the most used topics of discussion our freshman year, it was a great question to ask that girl or guy, you were eyeing the whole night at some party, "Hi! I'm Mark. People call me Trainor. What orientation did you go to, the first or second?" After that you just hoped the conversation moved on.

Moving in day, September 7, 1992, the first day for the rest of your life. Probably to met your wife, best man at your wedding, your childs godparents all in the same day. The days of wars between Davis Hall and Dickinson Hall, the days of bomb threats and cancelled classes, fire alarms and losing intramural teams. You either hated it or loved it, you completed your freshman year, not the greatest of GPA's, but it got you back for sophomore year.

Moving in day, September 6, 1993, seems all to familiar. Your first summer, partying with school and home friends, flew by. But now, most of us are still on campus, were moving into the bigger and better dorms, Lammers and Courtney. The days of better friends, better parties, just one more year till the big "21" (for us old folk), a little bit better intramural teams, starting to here what classes and what professors NOT

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to take, and finally getting into on campus apartment parties (for us guys a least). The GPA was slowly improving, just slowly enough to get us to junior year.

Moving in day, September 5, 1994, a few less people this time, a lot of our class mates moved off campus. We were now upper classman, we hung around with the seniors. The days of working the taps at Mechanic St., first brand new cars were strolling in, become real close with your friends, long relationships with boyfriend or girlfriend, but we would never call them by that name. First intramural championships were coming in , professors and administrators knew our first name, major classes and core classes were starting to be filled, a little bit earlier for registration. Yes, go old junior year, the year of the strike in baseball and the moving of the Owl's Nest. Our GPA, probably stayed the same, and we were know looking ahead to the fun but dreaded, the year to remember, the year to forget, senior year.

Moving in day, September 4, 1995, either to the same off campus house or finally to the senior apartments. The year of all the years. Classes became minimal, the saying, "this is the last time for this or this is the last blank of your college career. The Brown Salmon, AWAC, Irish battle for the intramural champions, being first in line for everything, anticipation for Senior Week, the cage at Spring Weekend in the mud and rain, and now knowing you have to part with some of your best friends in life. The morning of graduation, May 25, 1996, everybody has their own memory of that, and will keep it that way. Weekend after weekend of graduation parties, getting together once a month (so we say), looking forward to Alumni Weekend in the fall, and of course a mind full of memories, friend, laughs and cries. The Class of 1996 at Westfield State College, buy far the best ever. Good luck in all your life endeavors, you never know when your going to bump into someone from our class, so keep your head up. I hope you enjoy our yearbook, goodbye and farewell.

Prepared by: Mark Trainor- Class Historian

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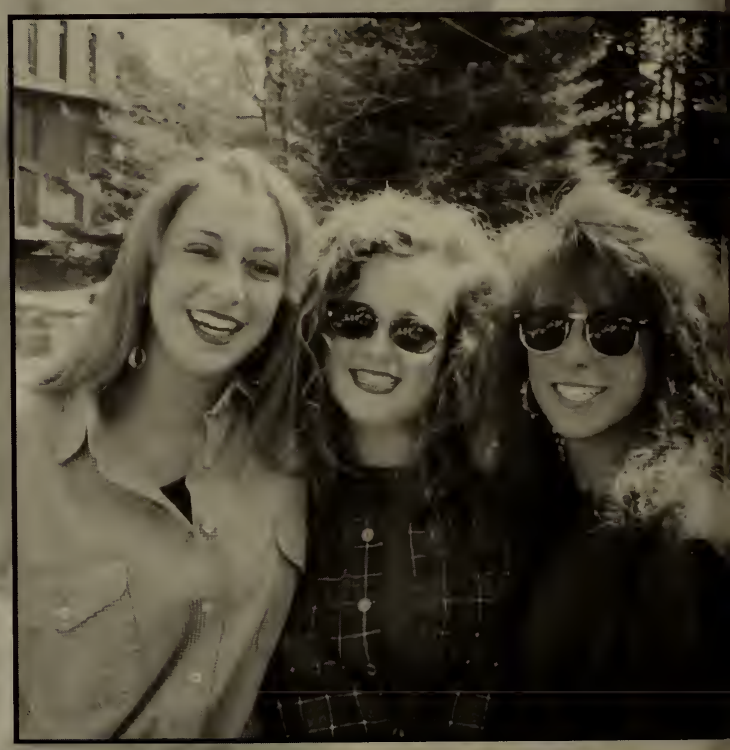

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

The Fighting Owls finished with a 3-6 record in 1995 for their first losing season since 1995. Westfield opened the season with victories over UMass Boston, 35-0, and Fitchburg State, 41-17.

The Owls then experienced a five-game losing streak, with the most disappointing setback a 10-7 home loss to Framingham.

Westfield lost to four quality opponents during the streak: Coast Guard, Worcester State, Mass Maritime Academy and Bridgewater State. The Owls snapped the losing skid with an emotional 12-0 victory over UMass Dartmouth in their final home game of the season.

A lack of execution offensively contributed to Westfield's woes. After scoring 76 points in their first two games, they only put 41 points on the board in the final seven contests.

Leading Westfield offensively for the third straight season was senior running back Tim Lightfoot, who rushed for 901 yards in nine games and scored five touchdowns. Lightfoot set or tied 24 Westfield State records during his outstanding four-year career, including most rushing yards in a career (4,380).

Senior quarterback Derek Catelotti completed 61 of 144 passes for 1,028 yards and five touchdowns. His primary receivers were sophomore Tyler Gerry (21 catches for 490 yards) and Tony Amico (18 for 316).

Sophomore linebacker Matt Powers and senior linebacker/punter Dan Coonan led Westfield in tackles with 80 apiece. Junior T.J. Cole recorded 70 tackles followed by senior Paul Gosselin with 68 and junior Matt Walsh with 62.

SENIORS

First row: Paul Woodbury, John Lander, Tim Lightfoot, Jason MacDonald, Davin Hoyt, Dan Coonan, Matt Walsh. **Second row:** Rob Meehan, Paul Gosselin, Dan Baker, Derek Catelotti, Chris Fusco, Chad LaBonte, Steve Estevez. **Missing:** Jason Cummings and Nate Monteiro.

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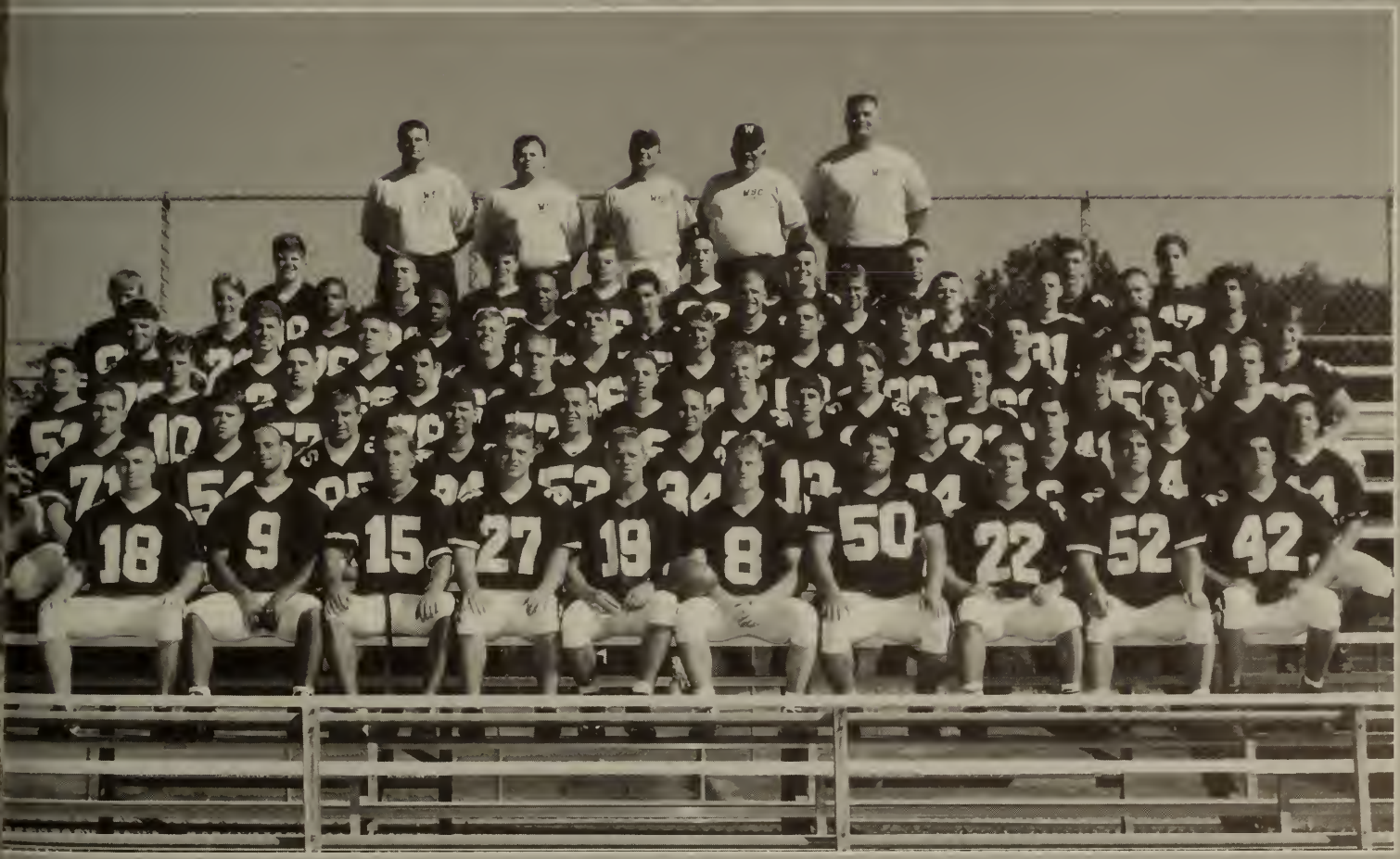
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SOCCER

The Westfield State men's soccer team finished the 1995 season with a 9-10 overall record, but more importantly the Owls placed third with a 4-3 record in the always competitive eight-team Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference for its highest league finish since 1987.

The Owls sustained four one-goal losses as they just missed breaking the .500 barrier. The finished the season on a high note with a 2-1 overtime victory over conference foe Bridgewater State.

Senior forward John Zakrzewski was the leading goal getter for the second straight season; the Weymouth native tallied seven goals and four assists for a total of 18 points. Junior co-captain Jared Taylor recorded 16 points followed by seniors Derek Casinghino (14 points) and Jason Fitzgerald (11 points).

Defender Sean Houghton, a junior co-captain from Stoughton, scored eight points along with freshman forward Jeff Morris of Weymouth.

Mike Sullivan, a sophomore from Westfield, earned the team's Fitness Award for the second straight season and was named second team all conference. Also earning all conference second team honors were Zakrzewski and Fitzgerald.

Neil Belanger, a 5-7 junior from Shrewsbury, was regarded as one of the top goalies in the conference. He posted 122 saves with a 1.57 goals against average.

Other top players for the Owls were junior Chris Duffy, who earned the team's Most Improved Player Award; junior defender Josh Downing, junior Rob Quigley, and freshman T.J. Garron.

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John Zakrzewski, Jared Taylor, Sean Hougton, Jason Fitzgerald, Bryan Gava.

First row: Andrew Kaplan, T.J. Garrom, Jeff Morris, Sean Houghton, Jared Taylor, Mike Sullivan, Brian Willar, head coach David Spataru. **Second row:** assistant coach Sanud Rebenciuc, Rob Quigley, Tom Thomas, Bryan Gava, Brian Davis, Steve Dickie, Ross Altobellli, Mike Rigney. **Third row:** John Zakrzewski, Andrew Haney, Jason Richard, Neil Belanger, Jason Fitzgerald, Chris Duffy, Josh Downing.

First row: Krissy Palm, Beth Aucoin, Andrea Ferrini, Danielle Glassman, Mary Maloney, Shawn Boudreau, Sandy Pinto, Tara Saunders, Candice Scribner, Nikki Murray. **Second row:** coach Patricia Morano, Jaclyn Jordan, Amy Clark, Bev Ray, Colleen McDermott, Bridget Wynn, Kristen Gauthier, Laura Pereira, Sadie Sicotte, Andrea Figueras.

Soccer

The Westfield State women's soccer team finished the 1995 season with a 7-9-2 record under the guidance of third-year coach Patricia Morano.

Sophomore Sandy Pinto led the Owls, as she set school records for most points (34) and goals (16) in a season. She was a first-team selection on the Mass. State all conference team.

ther leading scorers were freshmen Kristen Gauthier and Shawn Boudreau and sophomore Laura Pereira.

Field Hockey

.The Westfield State College field hockey team narrowly missed defending the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference championship, but the Owls finished the season on a high note by capturing the MAIAW postseason tournament.

The Owls looked strong as they blanked local rival Elms College, 3-0, in the tournament semifinals. Earlier in the season Westfield had pulled out a 1-0 overtime decision over Elms.

In the MAIAW championship game, the Owls rallied from behind twice to defeat conference foe Bridgewater State, 3-2 in overtime. Westfield finished the season with an 11-7-1 record, tying a school record for most victories in a season.

"We were disappointed that we didn't defend our conference regular season title; we felt that we had the best team in the conference. But winning the MAIAW tournament was good for us; it gave us some good postseason experience and helped to restore our confidence," said coach Barb Vinciguerra .

The Owls placed third in the Mass. State Conference, as they suffered road losses at Salem, 2-1, and Fitchburg, 1-0, in overtime. Westfield's strong schedule also included losses to Springfield, 1-0, and Division 2 opponents Albany, 3-2, and Sacred Heart.

"Very few conference schools play the calibre of teams that we do," said Vinciguerra. "And we plan to upgrade our schedule next season."

The Owls will have plenty of talent returning next season as only three players graduate: co-captains Kim Sousa and Kim Palenscar and midfielder Karen King.

Freshman forward Lori Lahue of Westford Academy led the team in scoring with 13 goals. Sophomore Jill Paghera tallied 16 points followed by Palenscar with 14. Sophomore Kara Souza was a sparkplug off the bench, scoring four goals.

Assisting with their playmaking abilities were junior Robyn DeAngelis (5 assists, 1 goal), sophomore Brenda Berthiaume (2 goals, 3 assists) and junior Tara Rosata (4 assists, 1 goal).

Karen Pawlishen, a sophomore from Westfield High School, was solid between the pipes in her first year as a goalie. She posted a 1.06 goals against average in the 19 games.

Six Westfield players were selected to the all conference team. First team selections were Rosata and Paghera. Named to the second team were King, DeAngelis, Lahue and Palenscar.

Karen King, Kim Palenscar, Kim Sousa

First row: Barb Vinciguerra, Brenda Berthiaume, Lori Lahue, Tracey Connolly, Kim Palenscar, Kim Sousa, Tara Rosata, Jill Paghera, Julie Standley. **Second row:** Karen Pawlishen, Karen King, Erin Cluney, Erin Schaufenbil, Gretchen Dussault, Kara Souza, Maura McLaughlin, Robyn DeAngelis, assistant coach Kathy Martin.

Cross Country

The 1995 women's cross country team placed second in the Mass. State Conference championship behind Fitchburg State.

Junior Michelle LaPlume was an all conference performer, placing second in the 3.1 mile race with a time of 21:17. Other top performers were sophomore Melissa Cross, Gabrielle Snider, Ann Ringer and Nancy Muldowney.

This year's women's cross country team had a fresh look. Tom Stewart took over as head coach and LaPlume, a junior, brought a new pair of running shoes back to the Lady Owls.

The 1995 Lady Owls had a positive outlook for the season as they their sights on the Mass. State Conference championship.

"In the end it will probably come down to Westfield State and Fitchburg State," said Stewart before the meet.

Fitchburg totaled 42 points to win the meet while the Owls finished with 63.

Last season LaPlume was sidelined with an injury and unable to compete. In this year's invitational meet between Westfield and Fitchburg at the start of the season, she finished first in the 3.1 mile run with a time of 21:29.

First row: Tina Varzeas, Gabrielle Snider, Melissa Cross, Michelle LaPlume, Lisa Jarrett. **Second row:** coach Tom Stewart, Gina Potorski, Nancy Muldowney, Ann LaFauci, Ann Ringer, Rebecca LaFontan.

First row: Dave O'Brien, Matt McCue, Rob Laprel, Syd Barnes, Shawn Breault, Paul O'Connor, Garrett Ford. **Second row:** coach Bob Rausch, Dave Provencher, Mike Whittier, Brendon MacKay, Mark Flaherty, David Gagnon, Mike Roberts, Casey Connolly

Cross Country

Running on inspiration and desire, the Westfield State men's cross country team edged Salem State to win the 1995 Mass. State Conference championship.

The Owls had won 11 straight conference championships before Salem snapped the impressive streak by claiming the 1994 title. Westfield had extra incentive to take back the crown as the Owls were inspired by their former teammate James Earley, who died tragically in a motorcycle accident just one week before his senior year of college.

Wearing black bands on their uniforms in his remembrance, Westfield, with 43 points, outscored Salem (45) and Bridgewater (52) to regain the crown.

Senior David Gagnon was the lone all conference performer. He placed second with a time of 24:46. Gagnon also finished second for Westfield in 1994 conference meet while Earley placed a strong third.

This year, however, the Owls placed four more in the top 12 to clinch the victory. Senior Mark Flaherty placed eighth followed by junior Mike Roberts (10th), senior Mike Whittier (11th) and junior Shawn Breault (12th).

Junior Mike McCue, who finished 16th, received the team's Most Improved Award at the conclusion of the season. Gagnon was team MVP while senior Syd Barnes was the recipient of the James Earley Award, which will be given annually to the individual who best exemplifies the spirit of cross country at Westfield State.

Roberts and junior Rob Laprel will captain the 1996 squad.

Seniors

Mike Whittier, Mark Flaherty, David Gagnon, Syd Barnes

BASKETBALL

For the Westfield State women's basketball team, the years just keep on getting better.

After having made their first ever NCAA appearance in the 1994-1995 year, the Owls made it two consecutive appearances in March Madness, and set another piece of history in the process by hosting their first ever first round game against Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Though the Owls fell 63-58 in that game, the '95-96 season produced more than its share of memorable moments, especially for the senior trio of Andrea Bertini, Mary Gibney and Kathy Jakonowski, who led them to a 22-6 record and No. 4 ranking in New England.

In their four years at Westfield, the Owls compiled a record of 87-27.

Bertini, who was first team all MASCAC selection for the third consecutive year and a third team All-New England choice, completed her career with 1,310 points and finished with an NCAA record 287 three point field goals in her career. She also holds Division 3 national records for three point attempts in a career (769), three point shots made (119) and attempted (303) in a seaon, consecutive career games making a three pointer (40) and consecutive games making a three point basket in a season (28).

Gibney rebounded from a serious knee injury as a junior to average 5.4 points a game. Gibney's moment in the spotlight came against Western New England when she scored her 1,000 career point on a baseline jumper with 3:02 left in the first half. Gibney finished her career with 1,044 points.

Jekanowski was a solid four-year starter for the Owls and also broke the 1,000-point barrier for the season. Fittingly, the milestone came in the Owls final regular season home game against conference foe Framingham. Jekanowski was also named to the MASCAC first team for the third time in four years and concluded her career with 1,044 points.

"They've helped to solidify our program," said sixth year head coach Rick Berger of his three senior standouts. "We were just becoming successful when they came to Westfield, and they helped make us not only prominent in New England but nationally as well."

While the departure of the "The Big Three" will leave Berger with some holes to fill, the hard working coach does have several solid returnees. Freshman guard Holly Maines averaged 9.6 points a game and was named to the all-conference second team. Maines ranked third in the nation in free throw shooting percentage (.871). Other returnees include junior Rachel Sayce (8.2 points, 6.3 rebounds per game), sophomore Amanda Braden (10.4 ppg., 4.9 rpg.), sophomore guard Caitlin Foley (7.5 ppg.), and freshman forward Kristin Schmaelzle.

Seniors

Kathy Jekanowski, Mary Gibney and Andrea Bertini pose with their parents.

irst row: Angie Martin, Caitlin Foley, Mary Gibney, Kathy Jekanowski, Andrea Bertini, Renee Sayce, Katie Gordon. **Second row:** head coach Rick Berger, ssistant coach Robyn Wainwright, Holly Maines, Amy Lindner, Amanda Braden, Rachel Sayce, Dana Hoskeer, Kristen Schmaelzle, assistant coach Dave inne.

First row: Jason Ross, Steve Madelle, Heath Estrella, Dave English, Greg Gauvin, Jonathan Armstrong. **Second row:** Jamie Leggett, Chris Matheson, Dan Racine, Adam Manchester, Jared Berthiaume, Matt Gauvin, Dimetrius Hatcher.

Basketball

The road back to respectability for the Westfield State men's basketball team still might have a few bumps in it, but if the 1995-96 season is any indication of things come, then the Owls will soon fly above them.

Led by the strong play of 6-4 swingman Greg Gauvin, the Owls finished with a record of 14-12, including an 8-4 record in the MASCAC. Gauvin averaged 18.7 points a game in being named to the all conference first team for the second straight season. The senior from Athol completed his career as the school's all time leading scorer with 1,845 points.

The Owls also received strong play from senior forward Heath Estrella, who averaged 14.2 points and 4.5 rebounds a game. Estrella completed his four years with 866 points.

Jason Ross showed no signs of having not played in two seasons as he started all 26 games for the Owls, and finished the season with an average of 16 points and 7.9 rebounds per game. Ross, a second team all conference selection, was particualy effective when Gauvin missed four games with an injury. During that strech he averaged 19 points and 14 rebounds per game. He had a career high 30 points against Bridgewater

Top returnees for coach Al Wolejko include sophomore guard Dan Racine (14.1 points per game), and Matt Gauvin (4.5 ppg). Racine was a second team all conference pick and scored a career high 35 points in the final game of the season. Other returning players include junior guard Dimetrius Hatcher and freshman forwards Jonathan Armstrong and Adam Manchester.

Seniors

Jason Ross, Greg Gauvin,David English, Heath Estrella.

SWIMMING

The Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team posted an 8-2 dual meet record for the second consecutive season.

"This team has really pulled together. We lost two New England qualifiers, but the team has picked it up and everyone has contributed immensely in their own way. I wasn't sure what to expect of this year but the younger swimmers showed great potential and allowed me some flexibility to move people into events that were more suited for them," stated veteran coach David Laing.

Although the entire team has made great contributions, there were eight swimmers who led the team and qualified for New Englands. Senior captain Sharon Surprise, juniors Kristen Nelson and Carrie Sicotte, sophomores Bridget Sprague, Andrea Scheele and Brooke Lathrop; and freshmen Lori Lauer and Emily Hagberg.

"I feel this team is better than last year, we have a lot of potentially great swimmers that have done well. Each year we seem to gain more depth," Nelson said.

SENIORS

Sharon Surprise, Liz Gormley, Nicole Delbou, Pam MacKenzie.

First row: Brookie Lathrop, Nicole Delbou, Liz Gormley, Sharon Surprise, Pam MacKenzie. **Second row:** head coach Dave Laing, Emily Hagberg, Lori Lauer, Janinne Kendra, Sarah Hodgdon, Monique Labrecque, Nancy Walker, Cheryl Harrison, assistant coach Donna Heinel. **Third row:** Christine Casey, Bridget Sprague, Kristen Nelson, Carrie Sicotte, Robyn Beaulieu, Christine Hornby, Andrea Scheele.

SOFTBALL

The Westfield State women's softball team ended the 1996 season with a 19-11 record. This was the Owls' first winning season in four years, and they landed their first postseason tournament appearance since 1988.

At the beginning of the season coaching controversies made hopes for the Owls dim. With the installation of a group coaching staff, along with a team of strong willed and unselfish players, the season took another course.

Skippered by the new staff of Ken Magarian, LouAnn Simchak and Joe McGovern, the Owls came together to take second place in the Mass. State Conference with a 9-3 record, trailing only a strong Bridgewater squad.

A young team equipped with few seniors, the Owls relied on leadership from a number of players, including seniors Karen King and Kerri-Ann Tirrell.

King, a four year starter, batted .356 with 14 RBI. She also posted a 5-2 pitching record with a 3.27 ERA. Tirrell hit .296 with a .949 fielding percentage while platooning at third base. Senior Kim Sousa, a first-year player, was platooned in the outfield and provided much needed depth.

"Before coming in we didn't know who was coaching or where people would play but once we got together and saw the talent and possibilities we all just accepted that we would do whatever it took to win. The chemistry was excellent and we really jelled together," said Tirrell.

This unselfish desire to turn around the program helped the team to improve tremendously on last year's 16-17 record. They also bettered themselves in every offensive and defensive category. They needed to improve their defense, and they cut their errors in half with only 54 this year for a .931 fielding percentage. Good fielding carried over to the plate as they raised their team batting average to .359, 69 points better than last year.

"Players just came in and accepted their roles, everyone had to step in and play like seniors. We became very close just because we all had a great desire to achieve things. In my four years this is the best team I have played with," said King.

The lineup was stacked with talent and production from top to bottom starting with the corners. Junior Jill Dailey, a third team All Northeast Region selection, batted .405 with 23 RBI and was stellar at first base with only seven errors in 222 total chances. Junior Wendy Noyes led the Owls in batting for the second straight year with a .436 average, which ranked her fourth in the conference. She drove in 25 runs and slugged nine doubles, three triples and two home runs.

The middle was spearheaded by juniors Marci Cheries and sophomore Jill Paghera. Both reached bases often and were steady in the field. Cheries batted .383 with 16 runs scored and committed only four errors in 87 chances. Paghera, a third

SENIORS

Kim Sousa, Kerri-Ann Tirrell, Karen King

am Northeast Region lection, hit .391 while tting leadoff. She led the am in runs scored (29) and len bases (14). Switched to e demanding position of ortstop during the season, ghera only had six errors in 0 chances.

"The young players really owed they had great poise d didn't let the pressure get them. They played hard ery day, whenever and herever they were asked to ay," said Noyes.

In the outfield, freshman Ty luto used her speed to patrol ft field. She hit .387 with 29 ns scored and nine stolen ses. Junior Jodi Votano ayed each of the outfield sitions while batting .342. peedy sophomore Kerry Valsh and freshmen Chris Duquette and Beth Aucoin also made valuable contributions during the season.

Freshman Sara Kessler batted .378 while playing center field for most of the season. She sparked a comeback at Western New England College when she took away a three-run home run with a leaping grab while crashing through the fence. In the top of the seventh she belted a deep home run to left to clinch the comeback victory.

A big difference on this year's team was depth in the pitching department. The Owls' rotation consisted of three capable starters. Led by King, junior transfer Kristin Widman, and freshman Candy Phelps, the Owls stifled many opponents bats.

Widman led the team in wins with a 7-5 record and a 4.74 ERA; she exhibited amazing control by not allowing a walk in 41 consecutive innings. Phelps grunted her way to a 5-3 record with a 4.69 ERA and 26 strikeouts, and hurled a no-hit gem at Mass Maritime.

"Along with great fielding the pitching was fantastic," said King. Last year I had to pitch practically every game. The other girls came in and took pressure off me and took care of business. Without them we might not be playing in the ECACs."

Many say that a very good pitching staff begins with a very good catcher, and the Owls had that in freshman backstop Maureen "Mo Dog" Kennedy. Kennedy caught every game this year and also did the job at the plate, hitting .342 with 20 RBI.

"It was tough at the beginning being a freshman. Sure, I was nervous but once I got used to all the pitchers it just came together. They all worked so hard day in and day out and that made my job a lot easier," Kennedy said.

This team has shown that they could overcome many adversities to achieve good things. Some say this is what athletics is all about, putting the problems behind and getting the job done. No matter what they do in the playoffs they have accomplished more than a lot of people expected.

"I am so proud of this team for what they have gone through; they didn't know what to expect and they just played. They stayed focused and now they are headed to the ECACs, I am very very proud," Magarian said.

First row Ty Muto, Jill Paghera, Kerry Walsh, Beth Aucoin, Marci Cheries, Kerri-Ann Tirrell, Candy Phillips, Jodi Votano. **Second row:** coach Ken Magarian, Karen King, Kim Sousa, Wendy Noyes, Sarah Kessler, Kristin Widman, Jill Dailey, Chris Duquette, Maureen Kennedy.

BASEBALL

The 1996 Westfield State Fighting Owl baseball team finished with a successful 19-16 season. Despite narrowly missing the playoffs, the Owls are proud not only of what they have accomplished but of how they played as a team.

In a year which included nine one-run games as well as a six-game losing streak and a nine-game winning streak, it also showcased four outstanding seniors.

Randy Manseau, the lone senior hurler on the club, led the team in earned run average (3.54) and innings pitched (53 1/3), and was tied with Frank Cavagnaro and Kevin Connolly with four wins apiece. The right-hander from Chicopee finished his career at WSC with a 9-6 mark while striking out 52 batters in 22 games.

Mike McHugh led the team in batting this year, averaging .412 with 47 hits. The right fielder also batted over .400 with runners in scoring position and had 28 RBI. McHugh finished his career with an impressive .371 batting average over three years.

Jeff Morrissette, a fifth-year graduate student, was one of the most productive and explosive athletes on the field. His .387 batting average and five home runs will be sorely missed in the number three spot next season. The 1995 All New England center fielder also had a slugging percentage of .649 and an on base percentage of .495 with seven stolen bases.

In his four-year career, Morrissette hit .347 with a .448 on base percentage and 10 home runs and 29 doubles.

The Fighting Owl who has done the most damage over the last three seasons has been left fielder Dave Adams. In his career he batted an astonishing .402, while totaling nine home runs, 146 hits, 36 doubles and 102 RBI. This season he batted an even .400 and had a slugging percentage of .648.

"Our four seniors led the team. Not only did they lead us statistically, but they were always ready to play the game. They are a bunch of guys who just love the to play," said head coach John Jones

Morrissette, Adams and McHugh combined for 140 hits, 87 RBI, and a batting average of an even .400 this year. The statistics, although very impressive, were not what these players and the team were most concerned about. They were concerned with playing well and striving to make themselves better and challenging themselves as a team.

"The most memorable part of the year for me was the closeness of the team. In the past few years it hasn't been like that, but this year was different," said Adams.

"This team was different in a sense that it was less concerned with individual accomplishments and more concerned with team accomplishments," said Jones "They cared about each other and supported each other."

Manseau and Morrissette were pleased with the way the team played as a whole and looked to the future.

"I felt as though we were pretty successful, but we had

SENIORS

Head coach John Jones, Randy Manseau, Mike McHugh, Jeff Morris
Missing is David Adams.

st row: Jack Vanasse, Scott Santino, Craig Fallon, Cory Dion, Ryan Maliga, Kevin Cunningham, Brian Pacheco, phen Marino, **Second row:** Brian Hoar, Jeff Morrissette, Jeff Hill, Mike McHugh, Mike Sokoloski, Chris Jarosz, an Hendricks, Kevin Connolly. **Third row:** assistant coach Bill Stanton, pitching coach Bob Casacelli, Glenn Arendt, nk Cavagnaro, Brian Guimond, Dan Shanahan, Randy Manseau, Shawn Murphy, head coach John Jones, assistant ch Jim Cunha. Missing is David Adams.

some tough losses to tough opponents like Trinity, Wesleyan and Bridgewater. Overall, though, we can't be disappointed with our season," said Morrissette.

"The team has a lot of potential coming back with players like Cory (Dion) and Ryan (Maliga)," said Manseau "We also have a strong returning pitching staff which may be the key to next year." Dion was named the team's comeback player of the year. The junior catcher batted .348 with a .495 on base percentage. Maliga batted an even .300 after a rough start.

Third baseman Shawn Murphy only hit .275 but he cracked five home runs and led the team in runs batted in (32). Other top performers were second baseman Chris Jarosz, who batted .295 but led the team with an impressive .542 on base percentage. Freshman Brian Hoar hit .283, followed by Kevin Cunningham (.258) and Brian Pacheco (.257).

The pitching staff is solid, led by Dan Shanahan (3-3 record, 5.03 ERA), Hendricks (4-4, 4.65), Cavagnaro (3-2, 4.09) and Connolly.

Despite the difficult 3-7 start in Florida, the Owls won 14 of their final 19 games and finished second in the Mass. State Conference with a 9-5 record.

TRACK

Westfield State College women's track and field coach David Spataru was pleased with his squad's season.

"This was the first season ever that I had every individual get a personal record at least once," praised Spataru. "Though we had a small team, we had a pretty good showing both in the conference and in the other meets."

Graduating just two seniors and returning several big scorers, Spataru is optimistic about the future.

"We have some talented kids coming back, including Sarah Corriveau, who was a very big surprise as a freshman this year."

In the conference championships, Corriveau earned three third places: in the 100, 200 and long jump. Sophomore Melissa Cross won the conference championship in the 5,000 meter run and placed third in the 3,000.

Other top performers this season were Clarissa Rosa, who was All New England for the second straight year in the 55 meter dash, and sprinter-jumper Iris Mathis.

"We lost two big scorers last year, and every kid on this team improved as the year went along, and gave everything they had," said Spataru. "They surpassed all expectations I had for them."

First row: Joanne Avery, Clarissa Rosa, Sarah Corriveau, Tina Marie Varzeas, Pam Loving. **Second row**: head coach David Spataru, Iris Mathis, Lisamarie Walsh, Gina Potorski, Denise Gould, Melissa Cross, La-Toya Wilson, assistant coach Sandu Rebenciuc. Missing is Lisa Jarrett.

First row: Ryan Schmitt, Chris Channing, Kevin Shepard, Matt McCue, Garrett Ford, Steve Brochu, Rob Laprel, Sha
Breault. **Second row:** Cope Kharuharat, Mark Martineau, Joe Freeman, David Gagnon, Mark Flaherty, Da
Provencher, Ed Piselli, Greg Calimeris. **Third row:** Nick Hartmann, Rob Kadrle, Mike Roberts, Jeff Zanelli, Br
Chisholm, Jay Dilisio, Greg Delue, Casey Connolly

TRACK

The Westfield State College men's track and field team put the wraps on its season by having several individuals place in the New England Division 3 championships on May 4.

In the men's meet at Williams College, junior standout Brian Chisholm finished third in the long jump with a leap of 21-10, while teammate Steve Brochu finished seventh in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 57.47.

Despite not winning the MASCAC title for the first time in 14 years, men's coach Gerry Gravel was pleased with the effort his team put forth this season.

"We did about what I expected, we had a great chance to still win the conference, but lost Ryan Schmitt early in the meet with an injury," said the veteran coach, who team was edged by Bridgewater State, 108-104, for the conference crown. "If he would have had a decent day, we would've won."

Despite coming up short, Gravel feels pretty confident about the future.

"We have a lot of our top scorers coming back in Brian and Joey Freeman," he said. "The new kids we have coming in will help us in the throws, sprints and hurdles. We will still be competitive in the conference and have more experience than we had this year. Our only real problem could be in the distance events."

Gravel also has visions beyond the state conference.

"By the time these kids are juniors and seniors, we should be among the top five teams in New England.

"Brian Chisholm had a great year, and so did Joe and Ryan. Those three were the real highlights this year," added Gravel.

Another promising freshman is Mark Martineau, who won the conference 400 meter title. Also claiming conference crowns were Chisholm in the long jump; sophomore David Provencher in the 400 hurdles; and junior Matt McCue in the 5,000.

SENIORS

Mark Flaherty and David Gagnon

CHEERLEADERS

James Raymond Early Memorial Road Race

On August 25, 1995 this world lost a beloved friend in James Raymond Early. He would have graduated with the Class of 1996, but, due to the tragic circumstances of a motorcycle accident on the night of August 24, his loving life would come to and end. James was a cross country and track runner at Wahconah Regional High School in Dalton, Massachusetts and at Wesfield State where he was a two time All-Conference selection in cross country and Conference Champion in the steeplechase in track. He also helped propel his teams at Westfield State to five conference championships in the two sports in his three years of running for the Fighting Owls. Whether it be running, schoolwork, or leisure, James had a love for everything he did. He lived with a passion that most people envy and made a significant impact on all he met.

May 26,1996 would have been his 23rd birthday. To help in the remembrance of him a 5 Mile Road Race and Fun Run was established. All proceeds for the race will go the James Raymond Early Scholarship, given annually to a student from Wahconah Regional High School planning to attend Westfield State College.

James Raymond Early

Coach's Outstanding Contributor Awards

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The following Westfield State College varsity athletes received the Coach's Award for their outstanding contributions on and off the playing field during the 1995-96 seasons:

Sport	Name	Hometown
Football	John Lander	Pittsfield
Men's Soccer	Sean Houghton	Stoughton
Women's Soccer	Amy Clark	Raynham
Women's Cross Country	Gabrielle Snider	Burier, WA
Men's Cross Country	David Gagnon	Danvers
Men's Basketball	Jason Ross	Great Barrington
Women's Basketball	Andrea Bertini	Salem
Women's Basketball	Kathy Jekeanowski	Hadley
Women's Basketball	Mary Gibney	Jefferson
Women's Swimming	Nicole Delbou	Stoughton
Women's Swimming	Liz Gormley	Quincy
Women's Swimming	Sharon Surprise	Springfield
Men's Track & Field	Mark Flaherty	Norwood
Men's Track & Field	Brian Chisholm	Norwood
Women's Track & Field	Sarah Corriveau	Sturbridge
Baseball	David Adams	Ware
Baseball	Jeff Morrissette	Lowell
Softball	Karen King	West Brookfield

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Team Highlights

Sport	Final Record	Highlights
Baseball	19-16	Tied for second in conference
Men's Basketball	14-12	Third place in conference
Women's Basketball	22-6	NCAA Tournament
		Conference co-champs
		Ranked 4th in New England
		Fifth straight 20-win season
Men's Cross Country	—	MASCAC Champions
Women's Cross Country	—	2nd place MASCAC championship
Field Hockey	11-7-1	MAIAW Tournament champions
		Ties most wins in school history
		Third place in conference
Football	3-6	
Men's Soccer	9-10	Tied for third place in MASCAC
Women's Soccer	7-9-2	
Softball	19-10	Second Place Conference
		ECAC Tournament
		Ranked 9th in New England
Women's Swimming	8-2	Ties Best Record in School History
		Seven New England qualifiers
Men's Track and Field	—	Second place in conference

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Varsity Captains

NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
Football		
Tim Lightfoot	SR	Tewksbury
Paul Gosselin	SR	Springfield
Chris Fusco	SR	Methuen
Dan Coonan	SR	Auburn
Men's Cross Country		
Mark Flaherty	SR	Norwood
David Gagnon	SR	Danvers
Syd Barnes	SR	Beverly
Women's Cross Country		
Nancy Muldowney	JR	Hinsdale
Michelle LaPlume	JR	Attleboro
Men's Soccer		
Sean Houghton	SR	Stoughton
Jared Taylor	SR	Holliston
Women's Soccer		
No Captains		
Field Hockey		
Kim Sousa	SR	Somerset
Kim Palenscar	SR	Boxford
Men's Basketball		
Dave English	SR	South Dartmouth
Greg Gauvin	SR	Athol
Women's Basketball		
Mary Gibney	SR	Jefferson
Andrea Bertini	SR	Salem
Kathy Jekanowski	SR	Hadley
Women's Swimming		
Nicole Delbou	SR	Stoughton
Liz Gormley	SR	Quincy
Sharon Surprise	SR	Sprinfield
Women's Track and Field		
No Captains		
Men's Track and Field		
No Captains		
Baseball		
David Adams	SR	Ware
Jeff Morrissette	SR	Lowell
Dan Shanahan	JR	Burlington
Softball		
No Captains		

Varsity Sports Awards Night

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1995- 1996 Intramural Athletics Championship Teams

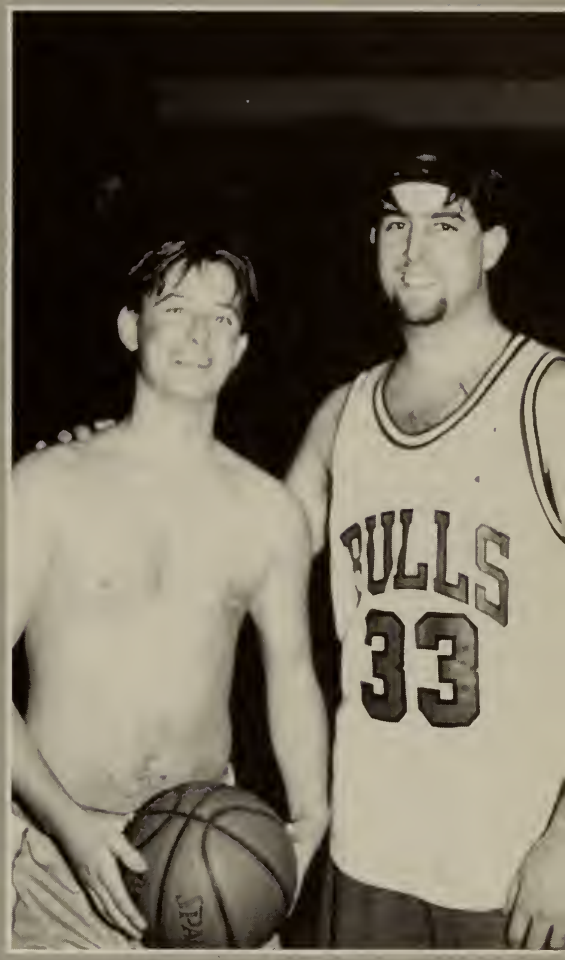
Sport	Men		Women
One Pitch Softball		Jaft	
Flag Football	Brown Salmon		Violent Femmes
Fall 5 on 5 Basketball		Frocked	
Tennis Tourney		Kevin Branco	E. Sellers
Volleyball	Frocked		BYOB
Wiffle Ball		Ming Dynasty	
Co -Rec.Volleyball		RVT	
Fall Racquetball Tourney		T. Donoghue	
Soccer	Manchester United		DSL
3-on-3 Basketball		Hackers	
Banacos Road Race		C. Beasley	
4-on-4 Basketball			
Division 1	Brown Salmon		BYOB
Division 2	Ball Bags		
Water Polo		AWAC	
Water Basketball		Materazzo Wanna B's	
Billiards		Faculty	
Spring Whiffletball		Ming Dynasty	
Bowling		Ming Dynasty	
Basketball 1 on 1 Tourney		Josh Downing	
Basketball Free Throw		J. Flynn	
Sports Trivia		Faculty	
Spring 5 on 5 Basketball		En Fuego	
Street Hockey	AWAC		Last Call
Softball	Irish		Last Call
Co Rec. Softball		Team Frank	

Annual Intramural Atheltics Awards

Kelly Memorial	Mike Whittier	Mary Gibney
Bryne Memorial	Todd Allard	Sandy Flanagan
Carlson Memorial	Josh Downing	Carrie Sicotte
Kerr Memorial	Chris Matheson	Mary Maloney
Banacos Cup	Brown Salmon	BYOB

N'S SOFTBALL CHAMPS, Irish

OMEN'S SOFTBALL CHAMPS, Last Call



1 on 1 BASKETBALL CHAMPION
Josh Downing, left

4 on 4 BASKETBALL CHAMPION
Brown Salmon

FLOOR HOCKEY CHAMPIONS, AWAC

FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS, Brown Salmon

FACULTY/STAFF BASKETBALL
ALL STAR BASKETBALL GAME

Intramural Candids

College Life

96 Daze

Happy Hour

Spring Break

Senate Banquet

Senate Banquet

Student Government Association Executive Council

Senior Week

Senior Week

Graduation

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Graduation

Friends Forever

We're joined in a friendship
That time cannot sever.
With binds we have built
We'll remain friends forever.
We're welded in spirit,
Attached by our hearts,
We're fused by the feeling
That friendship imparts.
We're tied by emotions,
Connected by dreams,
Reinforced by our hopes,
Unified by extremes.
No longer a function
Of time or of space
Our love is a substance
That life won't replace.
No matter how distant,
We'll always endeavor
To sense the full meaning
Of friendship forever.

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